MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THIRTY-FIRST DAY

Thursday, 14th April 1960.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at Twelve of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI S. R. KANTHI, B.A., LL.B.) in the Chair.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE.

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—Sir, I beg to lay on the Table Order No. RD 5 GST 60, dated 2nd April, 1960, issued under clause(*a*) of sub-section (1) of Section 9 of the Mysore Stamp Act, 1957.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement showing allotments made to the Districts and Divisions from the Budget provision under "Rural Communications" for the year 1959-60 in pursuance of starred question No. 443 by Sri B. S. Shankarappa.

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1960-61.

Demands for Grants Nos. 10, 29, 42, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, and 53.

(*Debate continued*)

*Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works).—Sir, I would request you to kindly permit me to sit and speak on account of my indisposition.

Sir, I heard the observations made by Hon'ble Members of this House both on this side as well as on the opposite side with great interest for the last two days. I am very grateful to the Members of this House for having made very good and constructive suggestions in the course of their speeches. I am also grateful to those who have taken interest in the working of the Public Works Department and at the same time expressed their anxiety to improve the morale, speed and efficiency of the Department. I quite see the force of their arguments because this Department spends as much as 50 per cent of the total budget and if there is slackness or indifference or want of morale and on that account works are delayed, that will be reflected in the overall progress of the country. Therefore, I am in full agreement with the Hon'ble Members who have shown their anxiety to improve the morale, speed, quality and efficiency of this Department. Keeping that in view, Government introduced a number of changes in the working of this Department during the course of the year. As Hon'ble Members are aware, a committee was appointed to examine how best the available technical personnel could be put to the maximum

* Asterisk indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.